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C O N F I D E N T I A L BAGHDAD 1769

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SUBJECT: GULF TRADE MINISTERS MEET IN BAGHDAD

1. WITH MUCH FANFARE, IRAQ WAS HOST TO ONE-DAY MEETING
OF ARAB GULF TRADE MINISTERS. ECONOMIC COOPERATION DOCU-
MENTS WERE SIGNED BETWEEN IRAQ AND BOTH SAUDI ARABIA
AND BAHRAIN. ARAB AMBASSADOR WHO PARTICIPATED IN MEETINGS
TELLS ME THAT NO AGREEMENTS WERE ESSENTIALLY MEANINGLESS
AND THAT MEETINGS WERE "EMPTY WORDS." I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT
OMANI REPRESENTATIVE DECLINED TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT
WITH IRAQ SINCE AGREEMENT CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN IRAQI TRADE OFFICE AND A BRANCH OF IRAQI BANK.
MAIN ACTIVITY OF VISITING MINISTERS SEEMED TO BE
THEIR ATTENDANCE AT OPENING OF BAGHDAD INTERNATIONAL
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2. IRAQ REPORTEDLY PRESSED OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR
AGREEMENT ON UNIFIED LABOR MOVEMENT. VISITORS VIEWED
THIS AS IRAQI EFFORT TO DEVELOP RESOURCES WHICH WOULD
ENABLE BAGHDAD REGIME TO PUT ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON ITS
NEIGHBORS.

3. COMMENT: CONFERENCE WAS A LOGICAL FOLLOW-UP
STEP TO TOUR OF GULF STATES THIS SPRING BY INTERIOR
MINISTER IZZAT IBRAHIM. IT ALSO APPEARS TO SHARE ALL
THE MARKS OF BALLYHOO WHICH CHARACTERIZED THAT VISIT.
REAL IRAQI ATTITUDE TOWARD GULF STATES REMAINS UNEASY
MIXTURE OF GENUINE DESIRE TO IMPROVE BILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH CONTINUED IRAQI ATTACHMENT TO SEARCH FOR
OPPORTUNITIES FOR COVERT POLITICAL ACTION.
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